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TREASURER ANGELIDES COMMENTS ON RELEASE OF GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER'S CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW

*Angelides Calls on Governor to Release Complete Record
of Performance Review Meetings and Communications*

SACRAMENTO, CA – California State Treasurer Phil Angelides had the following comments today on Governor Schwarzenegger's release of his California Performance Review:

"It is good news that this long-awaited report has finally made its way out of the back rooms and into the open sunshine for all Californians to see. California government needs reform – and it needs it now. With the release of this report, we can now determine whether the Governor's recommendations will truly give us a government for the people, or a government by the special interests.

"The people of this state do not trust their government," candidate Schwarzenegger told Californians last year before he was elected. 'They feel it is corrupted by dirty money, closed doors and backroom dealings.' The answer, he said at the time, was sunshine. 'I will open up the windows and doors of government. ... No more decisions in the dark.'

"A good place for the Governor to start in keeping that promise is for his administration to immediately release a full record of all the meetings and communications between the Governor and members of the administration, and private interests – corporations, lobbyists, organizations and individuals – about the performance review to provide a comprehensive look at what meetings were held, who attended those meetings, and what proposals and recommendations were discussed at those meetings and included in those communications. This kind of openness and transparency would be true to the promise of reform.

"I am looking forward to real reform of California's government. Now we need to make sure that any plan adopted meets these three tests: It serves the people and not the special interests. It results in real savings and not new tax breaks for special interests or new financial burdens for working families. It must bring government closer to and make it more accountable and open to the people – to protect the environment, the economy and consumers for years to come."



PHILIP ANGELIDES
Treasurer
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August 4, 2004

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As State Treasurer, I welcome a truly open and transparent performance review of state government, and look forward to real reform that will save taxpayers money and benefit the people of California. California government needs reform – and it needs it now.

In evaluating the California Performance Review, we must make sure that three tests are met to achieve true reform:

- The plan must serve the people and not the special interests;
- The plan must result in real savings and not new tax breaks and benefits for special interests or new financial burdens for working families;
- The plan must bring government closer to and make it more accountable and open to the people – to protect the environment, the economy and consumers for years to come.

Therefore, I call upon you to immediately release the full record of all the meetings and communications between you and members of the administration, and private interests – corporations, lobbyists, organizations and individuals – about the performance review. Release of this information would provide a needed and comprehensive look at what meetings were held, who attended those meetings, and what proposals and recommendations were discussed at those meetings and included in those communications.

Release of the full record of performance review meetings and communications will fulfill your promise to “open the windows and doors of government,” and to assure that there will be, “...no more decisions in the dark.”

I look forward to working with you and others to reform our government and to determine whether the recommendations contained in the performance review will truly give us a government for the people, or a government by the special interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Phil Angelides', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Angelides
State Treasurer